



In Reply Refer to:
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Subject: Reply "Request for Records"

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter is in response to your August 8, 2019 request made pursuant to the Alaska Public Records Act, received by us on August 12, 2019. You have requested "all correspondence between Alaska Aerospace Corporation ("AAC") and Astra Space, Inc. ("Astra") between 01/01/2017 and 08/06/2019."

On October 1, 2016, AAC and Astra entered into a Confidentiality Agreement restricting the disclosure of proprietary information related to any future collaboration between the parties. "Proprietary Information" was defined in the Confidentiality Agreement as information held by either AAC or Astra related to the use of the AAC Pacific Spaceport Complex. Our records indicate that all correspondence between AAC and Astra from between 01/01/2017 and 08/06/2019 meets the definition of Proprietary Information given in the parties' Confidentiality Agreement.

Requests made to AAC pursuant to the Alaska Public Records Act are governed by AS 26.27.130, which exempts certain information held by AAC from disclosure as "public record:"

The corporation shall maintain the confidentiality of a trade secret, or other proprietary technical information, supplied for purposes related to this chapter unless the owner of the trade secret authorizes its release or a court orders its release. Information covered by this section is not a public record for purposes of AS 40.25.110 - 40.25.140. The corporation shall adopt regulations implementing this section.

All of the Proprietary Information identified and restricted from disclosure by the Confidentiality Agreement falls within the definition of "proprietary technical information" given in AS 26.27.130, and therefore is not a "public record" for purposes of disclosure under the Alaska Public Records Act. Consequently, AAC must deny your request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours very truly,

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